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CORRESPONDENCE.

Plumage Importation in England.

EDITOR OF 'THE AUK':

A long-delayed letter (dated February 26, 1917) has come to me from Mr. James Buckland of London bringing the important news that for the duration of the war the importation of the plumage of wild birds into England has been suspended. Efforts are to be made, Mr. Buckland says, to have the suspension of the traffic made permanent. That these efforts will be successful there would seem to be little doubt, in view of the period of stress that will follow the conclusion of the war. The British parliament would not be likely to re-open traffic in such an absolute luxury in the midst of the keen struggle for necessities that will follow the cessation of hostilities, more especially since the chief beneficiary of such action would be Germany.

Faithfully yours,

HENRY OLDYS.

Silver Spring, Md., April 25, 1917.

Coloration of Down in Adult Ducks.

EDITOR OF 'THE AUK':

With reference to Mr. J. H. Bowles's remarks concerning the coloration of the down in ducks (*Auk*, 1917, pp. 206-7) a paper by Miss A. C. Jackson on the moult of ducks (*British Birds*, July, 1915, vol. IX, pp. 34-42) should be consulted. Briefly stated, Miss Jackson there shows that in